

## Colorado Judicial Performance

### Attorneys Regarding Trial Judges Survey Questions

- Which of the following types of cases have you observed Judge (Last Name)'s performance? Please circle all that apply. (*Only respondents who indicate they have observed the judge in "criminal other than traffic" cases will be asked question 2d and the "bias" question between 5 and 6.*)

Civil..... 1  
 Criminal other than traffic ..... 2  
 Traffic..... 3  
 Domestic..... 4  
 Juvenile..... 5  
 Probate ..... 6  
 Other ..... 9

Using a grade scale, where an "A" is excellent along with B, C, D or F for fail, please grade Judge **[Last Name]** on the following. If, for a specific question you feel that you do not have enough information to grade the judge, please check DK/NA for Don't Know/Not Applicable.

#### 1. Case Management:

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|----|--|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| a. | Promptly issuing a decision on the case after trial. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |
| b. | Maintaining appropriate control over proceedings.    | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |
| c. | Promptly ruling on pre-trial motions.                | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |
| d. | Setting reasonable schedules for cases.              | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |

#### 2. Application and Knowledge of Law:

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|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| a. | Being able to identify and analyze relevant facts.                                      | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |
| b. | Basing decisions on evidence and arguments.   | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |
| c. | Willing to reconsider error in fact or law.   | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |
| d. | <i>[Criminal only]</i> Issuing consistent sentences when the circumstances are similar. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |

#### 3. Communications:

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|----|--|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| a. | Making sure all participants understand the proceedings.                     | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |
| b. | Providing written communications that are clear, thorough and well reasoned. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |

#### 4. Demeanor:

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|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| a. | Giving proceedings a sense of dignity.            | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |
| b. | Treating participants with respect.               | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |
| c. | Conducting his/her courtroom in a neutral manner. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |
| d. | Consistently applying laws and rules.             | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |

**5. Diligence:**

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|----|--|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| a. | Using good judgment in application of relevant law and rules.                                  | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |
| b. | Doing the necessary “homework” and being prepared for his/her cases.                           | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |
| c. | Being willing to handle cases on the docket even when they are complicated and time consuming. | A | B | C | D | F | DK/NA |

Having observed Judge (Last Name) in a criminal case, would you say the judge is: *(This question is asked only if respondent indicated at the beginning of the survey he/she observed the judge in a criminal case.)*

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| Very biased in favor of the prosecution .....    | 1 |
| Somewhat biased in favor of the prosecution..... | 2 |
| Completely Neutral .....                         | 3 |
| Somewhat biased in favor of the defense.....     | 4 |
| Very biased in favor of the defense.....         | 5 |
| Don't Know/Not Sure.....                         | 9 |

6. What would you say are Judge (Last Name)'s strengths?

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7. What would you say are Judge (Last Name)'s weaknesses?

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8. Keeping in mind your responses to each of the previous questions, how strongly do you recommend that Judge (Last Name) be retained in office, or not be retained in office?

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| Strongly recommend retain in office.....                  | 5 |
| Recommend retain in office .....                          | 4 |
| Neither recommend nor not recommend retain in office..... | 3 |
| Recommend not retain in office .....                      | 2 |
| Strongly recommend not retain in office .....             | 1 |